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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 1984

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: XV, TGEN, PL  
SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS

REF: (A) STATE 52403, (B) LONDON 4241

1. REGRET DELAY IN ANSWERING REFTELS.
2. EMBOFF CALLED ON RICARDO QUADRI, DIRECTOR OF THE  
DIVISION OF ANTARCTIC AND FALKLAND AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY. QUADRI OUTLINED ARGENTINA'S POSITION ON ANTARCTIC  
TREATY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ARGENTINA RESPECTS BOTH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE  
ANTARCTIC TREATY.

(B) THESE IS NO PRECEDENT AS YET AS TO HOW AN  
ADHERING STATE MAY BE INCORPORATED UNDER ARTICLE 9  
PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE TREATY.

(C) THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION ATTENDING THE PREPARATORY  
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MEETING IN LONDON HAS INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS WHOLE SUBJECT.

(D) ARGENTINA'S GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AMONG  
ALL THE ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES OF THE TREATY ON PROCEDURES  
FOR THE INCORPORATION OF ADHERING STATES - A QUESTION  
WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRESENT ITSELF MORE FREQUENTLY  
IN THE FUTURE.

3. QUADRI STRESSED THAT ARGENTINA HAS NO A PRIORI OBJECTION TO THE ADHERENCE OF POLAND. HE SAID ARGENTINA BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION ON THE GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR ADHERENCE MUST BE REACHED BEFORE THE SPECIFIC CASE OF POLAND IS CONSIDERED. HE REMARKED THAT THE TREATY IS SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS AND CITED SPECIFICALLY THE PROBLEM OF DETERMINING WHETHER A PROSPECTIVE ADHERING PARTY IS CONDUCTING SERIOUS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND WHETHER A PERMANENT BASE IN THE ANTARCTIC HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE SAID THAT ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR AN IMPARTIAL ORGANIZATION SUCH AS SCAR TO RESOLVE SUCH DOUBTS.

4. QUADRI SUGGESTED THAT US DELEGATION CONTACT ARGENTINE DELEGATION AT PREPARATORY MEETING TO EXPLORE DIRECTLY VIEWPOINTS ON THIS ISSUE.

5. EMBOFF CONVEYED US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 REF A  
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